

project. Through his generosity, the young residents of Brush learned that it is better to give than to receive.

Orin LaGree's business boosts the local economy, but its true measure is found in the great lengths of generosity and community support it provides. Brush Market is truly a prized asset of the Brush community. I hold Mr. LaGree up to the House, and to all Americans, as a shining example of the best of America's businesses. He exemplifies the industrious spirit, can-do attitude, and community involvement that made America great.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FATHER
JOHN P. KLEIN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated more than 20 years to making our community a better place. On June 13, 1998, the family of Saint Agnes Parish will host a mass and dinner honoring Father John P. Klein, Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish as he follows the Lord's calling to serve at St. Gerard's Parish in Lansing.

Father John was ordained in 1978 and began his illustrious career as Associate Pastor at St. Robert's Parish in Flushing then at Good Shepard in Montrose. He was then called to serve as the Administrator of St. Michael's Parish in Flint in 1980. In 1984, he was named Pastor of St. Agnes Parish. Father John additionally heads the Flint Catholic Ministry which operates the Dukette Catholic School.

Since his assignment in 1984, Father John has been such an effective advocate for low income and minority individuals. He has promoted several programs designed to provide a safe environment for our young people. Father Klein has also graciously shared the facilities of St. Agnes with many of its neighbors regardless of religious affiliations. Parish-sponsored programs like The Food Pantry serve between 150–200 families per month. Cornerstone, a nonprofit organization, leases the former Middle School in order to provide programs for adults with severe disabilities. The Genesee Intermediate School district utilizes the former convent to serve students with special needs.

During the last 14 years, Father John has been influential in the renovation of the church, the convent, and the rectory. The landscaping and ground beautification programs that were overseen by Father John were recognized with several "Civic Pride" awards from the City of Flint and the Flint Board of Education. Father John is also responsible for implementing energy conservation programs which have saved thousands of dollars.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to acknowledge the fine work of Father John P. Klein. His dedication to providing food, clothing, shelter, education and transportation to anyone, at any time, without hesitation or discrimination serves as a fine example for us all. I respectfully request my colleagues in the 105th Congress to join me in wishing Father John well at his new post. While we may be losing a

dear friend, we know that Father John has left a legacy that we can all be proud of.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 65TH
ANNIVERSARY OF GLORIA DEI
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 65th anniversary of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church was founded by a dedicated group of people on June 25, 1933. Pastors Herbert Blickensderfer, Otto Herring, James Eckert and Shari Ayers have blessed Gloria Dei Lutheran Church over the past 65 years with commitment and inspiration.

During the past 65 years, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has served the community with open arms through organizations such as the Boys Scouts of America, The Martha Society, TOPS, AA, Habitat for Humanity, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Job Search and Career Transitions.

The following is the mission statement of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church:

In the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight (1998), we the people of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church "Empowered by God's Spirit as forgiven sinners" we seek to be:

A witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ we celebrate in word and Sacrament,

A haven for believers and non-believers,

A servant to our community, and

A catalyst of hope and faith for new possibilities.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has been an integral institution in the city of Cleveland from its very beginnings. Parishoners and Cleveland area residents can look forward to the many great contributions to the community that Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will make into the next millennium.

HONORING CHUCK AND RUTH
LYNCH

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend two of my constituents for their business excellence and a commitment to public service. Lifetime residents of Logan County, Colorado, Chuck and Ruth Lynch believe in their hometown of Sterling. After serving 36½ years as Field Superintendent of the North Sterling Irrigation District, and as former President of the Four States Irrigation Council, Chuck "retired."

Today, and for the past 5½ years, the Lynchs have owned and operated the only dry cleaning establishment in Sterling, New Method Cleaners, and are very involved community members. Both Chuck and Ruth have been Co-commanders of the Berean Church's International Awana Youth Program for twelve years. Ruth is also a medical technician for two ophthalmologists in town. They are both

proud members of the community who believe that small businesses strengthen small communities.

It is for these reasons I happily rise today to honor Chuck and Ruth Lynch. I hold them up to the House, and to all Americans, as a shining examples of the best of America's businesses. They exemplify the industrious spirit, can-do attitude, and community involvement that made America great.

HONORING ROBIN FULLER, DIANE
HEGWOOD, MIRANDA HOYLE AND
TRACY POTTER

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute a group of outstanding young women from my district who have been honored with the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award by the Kickapoo Council of Girl Scouts in Peoria, Illinois. The following four girls received this award: Robin Fuller of Troop 438; Diane Hegwood of Troop 1000; and Miranda Hoyle and Tracy Potter, both individuals of the council.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement award in the Girl Scouts. It symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The Girl Scout Award can be earned by girls age 14–17 or by girls in grades 9–12.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scouts Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill the following requirements: (1) earn four interest project patches; (2) earn the Career Exploration Pin; (3) earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award; and (4) design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

Robin Fuller began work on her Girl Scout Gold Award in 1996. She completed her project by training the local library staff on how to use the Internet. The remainder of her project was to train patrons of the library with the skills needed to use the Internet.

Diana Hegwood began to work on her Girl Scout Gold Award in 1995. She completed her project by creating a story time for young children at the public library. The goal of the project is to encourage literacy by reading to the children. In addition to reading, Diana also created fun and educational activities for children.

Miranda Hoyle and Tracy Potter began working on their Gold Scout Gold Award in 1996. Miranda and Tracy completed their project by creating a video about all aspects of Girl Scouting. This video will be used as a recruitment tool to present the world of Girl Scouting to girls who are currently not involved.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for all of these young women, and I believe they should all receive

the public recognition due to them for their service to the community and to the country.

CASTRO INSULTS JEWS WITH HIS RHETORIC

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, Fidel Castro is no friend of the Jewish community or the State of Israel.

Castro's labeling of the U.S. policy as a measure akin to the Nazi Holocaust is demonstrative of his senseless rhetoric and glosses over the fact that prior to 1959 there was a vibrant Jewish community in Cuba, which has been largely destroyed by the Castro regime. Castro is no friend of the Jewish community or the State of Israel. Few remember his deployment of a Cuban brigade on the Syrian front in 1973—that was long ago, but even today, Castro continues to court Israel's declared enemies, including Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and the Iranian regime in Tehran.

I would like to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a letter by Frank Calzon, the Executive Director of the Center for a Free Cuba published in the Wall Street Journal on May 15, 1998 on this subject.

[From the Wall Street Journal, May 15, 1998]

CASTRO INSULTS JEWS WITH HIS RHETORIC

The World-Wide column April 28 reported that Castro said U.S. sanctions have been a "holocaust" for Cuba, "and urged war-crime trials of U.S. officials." Castro's reference to the Holocaust is an example of his overheated rhetoric and an insult to the Jewish people in Cuba and elsewhere.

The vibrant Cuban Jewish community numbered about 12,000 on the eve of Castro's victory in 1959. There was no significant anti-Semitism in Cuba. Instead, there were Jewish schools, publications, radio programs and various clubs and associations. After Castro destroyed Cuba's civil society, Jewish institutions were confiscated. Not surprisingly, there are less than 1,000 Jews remaining on the island.

Castro's attitude toward Israel has been dismal. For many years, he took the lead at the United Nations and elsewhere in support of violent anti-Israeli groups. He supported terrorists such as the notorious Carlos, who was involved in the planning of terrorist acts against prominent European Jews.

Castro suffers from a simple case of psychological projection. He sees his own behavior in others. Almost 40 years after he established a Marxist regime in Cuba, the Cuban economy is as bankrupt as the communist economies were in Europe.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLIE NELMS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Chancellor of the University of Michigan-Flint, Dr. Charlie Nelms. Dr. Nelms is leaving his post at the University of

Michigan-Flint to take a similar position with Indiana University. He is being honored by his colleagues at a reception on June 17 at the campus of the University of Michigan-Flint.

Charlie Nelms has had a long, illustrious career educating the future leaders of our country. He has devoted his life to providing all persons the opportunity of a better life through education. Dr. Nelms brought his vision to the University of Michigan-Flint in 1994 and the University has benefited greatly from the association. During his tenure as Chancellor, Dr. Nelms has expanded the scholarship program, and opened new instructional centers in Port Huron, Owosso, Lapeer, Fenton, and Pontiac. He has increased the master's degree program by adding degrees in education, nursing and health education. Over \$60 million in gifts, grants, and land have been given to the University in the last four years.

His commitment to the community has been remarkable. Dr. Nelms has worked diligently to partner businesses and nonprofits with the educational resources of the University. This partnership has proved advantageous to all entities. Students have gained practical experience, and the community has acquired the technical expertise of the University.

In addition, Dr. Nelms has been personally involved in the Genesee Area Focus Council, the Hurley Hospital Cancer Center Advisory Board and the Mott Children's Health Center Board. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP. He has spent numerous hours speaking to youth groups about the importance of education.

Dr. Nelms' personal philosophy is that every person has a responsibility to contribute. He practices that philosophy daily. The Flint community is losing a compassionate, committed leader in Chancellor Nelms. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in wishing Dr. Nelms and his wife, Jeanetta, all the best as they embark on this new phase of their lives with Indiana University.

HONORING DON COBLE AND BRIGHTON PHARMACY

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, in Adams County, Colorado, there is a business that maintains small town values despite burgeoning growth that is always challenging its resources. I rise today to honor Don Coble, owner and pharmacist of the Brighton Pharmacy, for business excellence and commitment to public service.

Brighton Pharmacy is a shining example of outstanding customer service and true concern for the people they serve. Mr. Coble is an exemplary role model for the community not only in his role at Brighton Pharmacy, but as a major contributor and fund raiser for the Community Hospital Fund.

Don Coble is one of only four pharmacists in the entire State of Colorado certified as a Diabetic Educator. He uses his knowledge to provide the community with much needed education on this disease. In addition, the Brighton Pharmacy provides diabetic supplies and medicine to the community members who otherwise could not afford them.

It is for these reasons I happily rise today to honor Mr. Coble and his staff at Brighton Pharmacy. I hold them up to the House, and to all Americans, as a shining example of the best of America's businesses. They exemplify the industrious spirit, can-do attitude, and community involvement that made America great.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY OF DANUBE SWABIANS OF GREATER CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Society of Danube Swabians of Greater Cleveland.

The Society of Danube Swabians of Greater Cleveland was originally founded as a member organization of the Banater Club in 1958. The organization has grown enormously over the years. The ladies' group was established on July 28, 1959, and on January 30, 1960 the German Weekend School opened its doors. In 1966, both the German Youth Choir and the "Fleitmatgruppe", a group for young married couples, were created. The organization has developed manifold connections with civic organizations in Germany and Austria. In 1986 they celebrated the dedication of their new building, the Danube Swabian.

In order to achieve the welfare and the long term goals of the Society of Danube Swabians of Greater Cleveland, a large number of dedicated men and women have worked with tireless energy since the founding of the organization. Because of their enormous contributions, the Society of Danube Swabians of Greater Cleveland has become one of the most active ethnic organizations of Greater Cleveland.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating the Society of Danube Swabians of Greater Cleveland on its 40th Anniversary.

RECONNECTING WITH OUR CHILDREN AND KEEPING THEM SAFE

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with my colleagues the very thoughtful and powerful speech that Education Secretary Richard Riley delivered on June 9th to the Safe and Drug Free Schools Conference in Washington.

Secretary Riley spoke eloquently about what we can do in Congress and across the nation to protect young people from violence. After the recent incidents in Springfield, Jonesboro, West Paducah and Pearl, the Secretary's message is more important than ever. Next week, I will introduce the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act. Many of the provisions of my bill will address the issues that Secretary Riley raised, including making sure that children cannot get access to guns and helping schools prevent violence. As Secretary